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911 emergency phone service disrupted

Garza County Sheriff's dispatchers were worried Monday and Tuesday night with the disruption of 911 emergency telephone service. "We had to get on inner-city radio traffic and ask Lubbock to contact Valor Telecom to find out what was going on," a dispatcher at the sheriff's department said.

There was no 911 emergency calling available Monday night for about five hours and Tuesday night from 7 p.m. until approximately 3 a.m. Wednesday.

In addition to the 911 disruption, telephone service to the "outside" world was also unavailable Monday and Tuesday night. Area businesses were unable to transact credit charge transactions and other communication business outside of the Post area.

Incoming and outgoing long distance service was also disrupted during the outages.

The sheriff's department was informed by its Lubbock counterparts that Valor Telecom was repairing an optical line. "Cell phones didn't work either," the dispatcher said.

Albuquerque woman killed in Hwy 84 accident

A 58-year-old Albuquerque, N.M., woman was killed on U.S. 84 near Post Friday in a rollover.

Victoria Bates was traveling northwest at about 6 p.m. when her vehicle, a 1998 Ford, sideswiped a 1997 Peterbilt truck in the adjacent lane, according to reports.

Bates overcorrected and hit the median. She was apparently ejected as her vehicle rolled.

The woman was pronounced dead at the scene, according to reports. The only passenger in her vehicle, 27-year-old Jandra Bates of Abilene, was transported to University Medical Center where she was held overnight and released the following day.

The woman killed in the accident was not wearing a seat belt, according to reports. The driver of the truck was not injured.

Post Notes

Rotary Club "dog dip" July 27

The Post Rotary Club sponsored annual "dog dip" will be held Saturday, July 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Post Volunteer Fire Department building. Rabies shots are \$7, flea and tick treatment, \$5 and other vaccinations will be available.

Elementary school supply packs

The Post Elementary School now has supply packs available for the upcoming school year. The packs are at the school office, which is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Supply packs are for students grade kindergarten through fifth grade.

Lawn chair concert Tuesday

The Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau presents the second lawn chair concert Tuesday, July 30 beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the south lawn of the Garza County Courthouse. Michael Porter of Dickens will entertain, playing his keyboard, guitar and violin under the shade trees. Ice cream, homemade by bureau members, will be the appropriate "ala mode" with Mr Porter's music.

Special youth serve at Bethel church

The Bethel Assembly of God will host a special youth service July 28 at the church, 407 May St. Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call 495-0375 for more information.

Garza County roping August 3

The Garza County Team Roping will be held August 3 at 7 p.m. Contact Danny Vernon at 495-2415 to enter. Deadline for entries is August 1. The pre-county roping will be held at the Millertime Arena on July 27 at 1 p.m.

Graham Community Fellowship August 6

The Graham Community Center Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship will be held August 6 at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to bring a freezer of ice cream or cookies to share. The event is free to everyone!

PHS annuals available at school

The Post High School annuals are available at the high school office from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. See Tammy Sparks.

Christian school kindergarten

The Christian School kindergarten begins August 19, with preschool beginning September 3 and 4. All students who will be attending preschool and kindergarten at First Baptist Church are asked to have all records in order (shot record, birth certificate, social security numbers) and fees paid no later than August 1. Supply lists, other enrollment and uniform information will be arriving in the mail. Call Nancy Gordon at 495-2603 or 495-3554 if you have questions.

KCBD news live from Post August 2

NewsChannel 11's "Live Community Coverage Tour 2002" will be held in Post on Friday, August 2 live at 6 and 10 p.m. The broadcast will be at the Garza County Courthouse and the public is invited to attend both news casts. Coca-Cola, sausage-on-a-stick and ice cream will be available for a \$1 donation to a local charity. Karin McCay, Abner Euressti, John Robison and Emily Jones will be in Post for the live newscast. The Post Dispatch and the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau are local sponsors for the event.

Rodeo Parade entries sought

The Post Stampede Annual Rodeo Parade will be held Saturday, August 10 at 3 p.m. Line up will be at 2:30 p.m. on the West side of the courthouse. Prizes for floats will be \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place. Riding clubs will receive trophies and an added \$100 for first place. Send entries to the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau at P.O. Box 610, Post, Texas or call 495-3461.

Southland Reunion August 3

The Southland Reunion will be held Saturday, August 3 at the Southland school building. Registration is at 3 p.m. with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. (meat will be furnished). JoNeal Hargrove, Class of 1956, will be featured speaker. Anyone who has lived or attended school in Southland, or taken part in the community is cordially invited.

PHS orientation for new students

A brief orientation for students new to Post High School will be held August 8 at 6:30 p.m. Incoming freshmen, parents and students new to Post High School are invited to attend. A short introduction will take place at the old gym, then students will be able to look around the school to become familiar with class location, lockers and other facilities. All 2002-2003 PHS students will report to homerooms at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, August 20 for the first day of the new school year.

Reward offered to convict vandals

A generous reward has been offered to anyone providing information which leads to the arrest and conviction of vandals responsible for damage to the historic building at 208 E. Main Street in Post. The destructive act early Monday morning included ripping bricks off the top of the building and tossing them onto the sidewalk covering, destroying signage on the building and strewing the broken bricks across East Main Street. Concerned citizens who have information to assist in bringing the vandals to justice are urged to call the Garza County Sheriff's Department at 495-3595.

Youth offering car wash August 10

A Baptist and Methodist youth car wash will be offered Saturday, August 8 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Methodist Church parking lot, 216 W. 10th. All donations are appreciated and will be used to support the Post EMTs. To make a donation, call Mike at 495-1074 or 441-1592.

Family Fun Carnival August 10

The Calvary Baptist Church is sponsoring a Family Fun Carnival August 10 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the church grounds, 6th and Avenue H. The event is for all ages, featuring games and entertainment.

Calvary Baptist Vacation Bible School

The Calvary Baptist Church Vacation Bible School is set for August 12 through 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church, 6th & Avenue H. The program is for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade and includes Bible study, crafts, fun and refreshments. Call 495-2342 or 495-3342 for more information.

Church collects baby clothing

The First United Methodist Church is collecting T-shirts, newborn size and receiving blankets for babies in the nursery at University Medical Center who are entering the adoption program. These items will go with the babies when they leave the hospital. Donations may be taken to the church office or for more information, call 495-2942 or Pixie Grisham at 495-4154.

Local News - KPOS Radio 97.7 FM

State, county agents report \$25,036 in June traffic fines

by Wes Burnett

Another \$25,136.02 has been added to county and state funding as a result of traffic fines issued in Garza County during the month of June. The total take from travellers here during 2002 stands at a whopping \$148,048.13.

Ticketed travellers normally pay the fines without a whimper. Reports from the two Justice of the Peace courts here show that JP Court 1 reported \$14,359.25 with JP Court 2 reporting \$10,776.77 in June.

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by Timothy W. Burnett

The laws of the land were established in the United States of America and in Texas for the primary purpose of protecting the life, liberty, and property of the people within. One example of this is traveling. Traveling is a very personal element of life, liberty, and property.

Some modes of travel include walking, bicycle, tricycle, motor-bike, automobile, horse and carriage, etc. In other situations people prefer paying someone to carry them from one point to another. Or they may pay for their goods to be carried.

These entities paid to carry for another are known as carriers. Carriers use the public highways

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"Night of One-Act Plays" at Garza Theatre

Final performances of "A Night of One-Act Plays" will be offered this weekend at the Garza Theatre.

Plays will include "Antic Spring," starring Jordan Tatum, Melissa Stambaugh, Christina Zellmer, Aaron Jones, Mikey Gonzales and Michelle Tucker; "Graceland," with Emily Hataway and Jessica Culwell; and "I'm Herbert," which will feature Zoe Kirkpatrick and Bill Woodard.

Mitchell Britton directs "Spring," Jay Young, "Graceland," and Christy Morris is director of "Herbert."

Performances will be this Friday and Saturday. Curtain times will be at 8 p.m.

The annual Harley Sadler Show, "How the West was Fun," will be staged Aug. 2-4, 9-10 and 15-17. Directed by Morris, the play will feature Hataway, Micah Robnett, Patrick Ryan Jones, Heather Bullard, Mickie Klafka, Katie McNeil, Stambaugh, Chris Davis, Ginny Andrews, Kathy Kidder, Kristie Thomas and Rocky Wilkins.

Performances of the Harley Sadler Show will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Sunday matinee will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets to both shows will be \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12.

The box office is open Monday through Friday from 12:30-5 p.m., except on show weekends when it will be open from noon to curtain time.

These productions were made possible in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Lawn Chair Concert Tuesday

Western swing, country and folk music will be served up live Tuesday beginning at 7:30 p.m. under the shade trees of the courthouse's south lawn.

Mike Porter will be playing a variety of music in the free lawn concert, sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau.

Homemade ice cream will be made available by bureau members. Concertgoers are urged to bring their lawn chairs and friends.



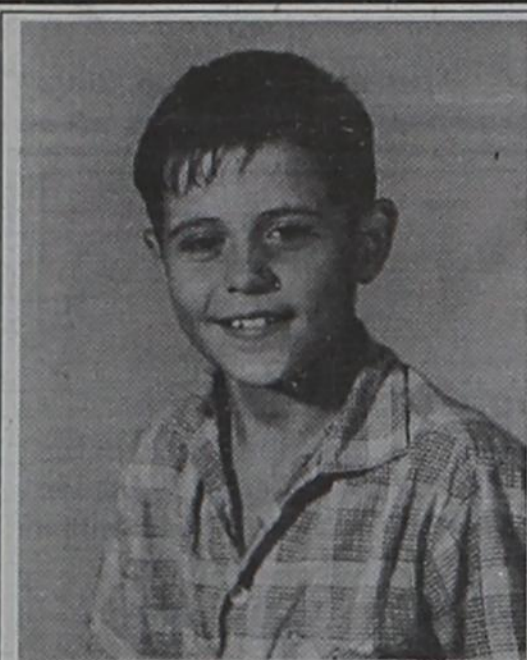
Observing Community Supervision Officers Week last week were (left to right) Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby, Brandt Taylor, Community Supervision Officer, Lloyd Glass, 106th Judicial District CSCD director and District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht.

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Garza Theatre featured in Texas Highways

The Garza Theatre's annual Harley Sadler Show tribute is part of an historic profile on the showman featured in August's Texas Highways magazine.

The story, penned by Gene Fowler, is accompanied by numerous photos of the Sadler entourage, as well as a picture from last summer's Garza production of "Too Poor to Paint, Too Proud to Whitewash."

According to the article, Sadler's show prospered throughout the 1920s, making him "the first man to make a million dollars from a tent show."

Sadler and his troupe bounced from community to community in West Texas in the 1920s and 1930s, setting up a 2,000-seat tent to offer family entertainment. Tickets to the three-

act shows, which featured vaudeville acts in between, were 10 cents for children and a quarter for adults, the article states.

"It's fitting that Harley is remembered each summer with performances in Post, a town on his old touring route," Fowler writes. "In the 1940s, a Sadler troupe playing the town... set the all-time one-day record for tent-show attendance."

The article goes on to tell how the annual tribute is performed in the restored 1916 Garza Theatre, using "actual Harley Sadler scripts" provided by the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University. Archived costumes, scrapbooks and other memorabilia help round out the shows.

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WPS to raffle new Tractor

Women's Protective Services will host its third annual raffle Aug. 17 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m. Raffle tickets are on sale now, and all proceeds benefit Women's Protective Services of Lubbock.

A 150-hp 2002 7810 John Deere tractor will be raffled off. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. Cost for tickets is \$100 each.

The ticket price includes admission for two, a raffle entry, a barbecue dinner provided by J&M Barbecue, a silent auction and live entertainment by the Rex Thomas Band.

Birthdays This Week

- July 28-Kent Ammons, Well Yarbro, Ali Daily
- July 29-Chess Postell, Joe Poe III
- July 30-Randy Littrell
- July 31-Lina, Josie Aguilar, Cameron James, Melinda Morgan, Orabeth White

Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.
—George Jean Nathan



Mr and Mrs Wesley Ruddick and daughter Cheyenne.

Trasi Craft, Wesley Ruddick exchange wedding vows

Trasi Craft and Wesley Ruddick were united in marriage in a 1 p.m. ceremony Friday, July 12, 2002, in Alvord, Texas.

Family members attending the ceremony included the bride's mother, Wynelle Craft, her brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Kim Mills; her sister and her family, Sudie and Henry Miller, Heather, Brian and Ashley; and brother and sister-in-law Toby and Melanie Craft and Tucker.

The newlyweds will be making their home in Decatur.



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Neighbor to Neighbor

Multi-Vitamin Mania

by Julie Neitsch

There are many different nutrients the body needs to function properly. Although a multi-vitamin is no substitute for a healthful diet, there may be times when it's difficult to get all the nutrients we need solely through a balanced diet.

A multi-vitamin can be very beneficial to women of childbearing years, adults over 50, women who are pregnant or lactating, people on low calorie diets, and people who do not eat animal products. It is extremely important to contact a physician before starting a multi-vitamin supplement.

Jenna Anding, Assistant Professor and Extension Nutrition Specialist at Texas A&M University states, "Some nutrients interact with medications, so it is important to check with your doctor before taking any type of dietary supplement." Also consult with a doctor about vitamins containing herbs, these too could cause serious side effects or have a negative effect of medications being currently taken.

Below are tips on choosing the best multi-vitamin to suit one's particular need.

1. Read labels and choose a multi-vitamin that has no more than 100% of the daily value (DV) nutrients listed. Excessive amounts of some nutrients can be harmful.
2. Choose a multi-vitamin suited for one's age and gender.
3. Store brands are often very comparable to national brands and generally cost less. Look for the initials USP on the label, which stands for United States Pharmacopeia.

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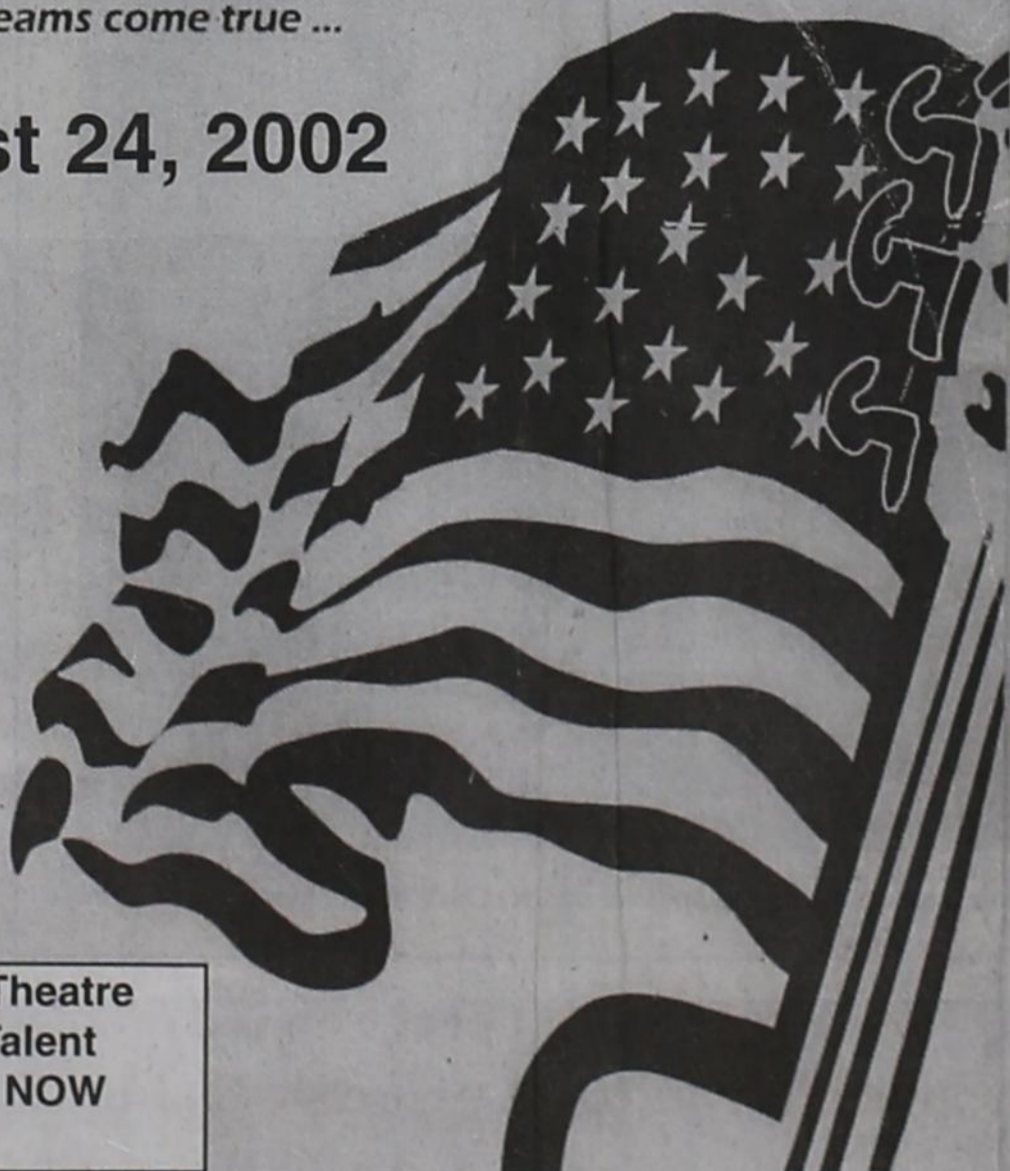
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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

Fred Tarpley plays the name game



Dr. Fred Tarpley of Commerce has fun. He's a university English professor and is always doing interesting things. One year he arranged a traveling exhibit of Texas authors. Later he did a film on the Big Bend. Now he's a newly trained docent at a museum in Dallas.

He is a multi-talented individual. His passion is names. Years ago he did a book on Texas Place Names. He looked up names of Texas cities, towns and villages and alphabetized them in the book. In it, he explains how some of the places like Bug Tussle, Tesnus and Reklaw were named. He has been an advisor to map companies which are always trying to keep up with name and population changes.

For the past twenty years or so, Dr. Tarpley has been working with family names. At festivals, he sets up a booth to tell people in what country their family name originated and what the name means. He gives certificates on thick paper with the name, its origin and meaning printed in calligraphy.

"I have a magician's trick," says Dr. Tarpley. "I've learned that six times out of ten the person who walks up there is going to have one of the two thousand most common names in the country."

He runs into trouble when he attends ethnic events, like the Czech festival in Caldwell. "I've never seen so many Polish and Czech people and German people in all my life. But I was able to find about seventy-five percent of their names."

He travels with a library of more than one hundred books that give information on family names. Researchers who have worked with him for many years are adept at looking up names.

"We can find eighty percent of the ethnic names of people who come through in three basic books. Overall, we're averaging about ninety percent accuracy." He sometimes gets real stumbers. This year someone came with a long name.

"It has 35 letters and is a German name that means one who prepares wool for manufacture on a stone in the house of Bergdorf, a mountain village." He tried to pronounce it, but gave up because it sounded so terrible. Occasionally someone will come up to him with a trick name like Czytyxsz.

"That runs us crazy until the person tells us it was a fake name." He says Jesus has broken into the top ten of most popular boys names in the US.

"These days, girls are being named for Soap Opera stars, like Ashley." The five most common family names in the country are Smith, Johnson, Jones, Brown and Williams.



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Extension Extras

Texas Country Cleanup...

... scheduled July 25, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Max Lee Crop Spraying Service in Slaton. If you have used oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries or empty and triple-rinsed plastic pesticide containers, bring them for recycling.

Clothing Volunteer Training

There will be a Clothing Project training for volunteers and leaders August 5th in Floydada at the Massie Activity Center. If you would like to attend this training with Julie, call 495-4400. Registration deadline is July 26.

Bob Benson Memorial Golf Tournament

Plainview, August 13 Four man scramble - \$50/man. Awards given. Sponsors 4-H youth programs. Call 495-4400 if interested.

Community Supervision Officers Week observed here

The week of July 14-20 was set aside as Community Supervision Officers Week, according to a press release from District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht.

"This special week provides a perfect time for us to publicly recognize the outstanding work done by our community supervision officers in the 106th Judicial District and the contribution they make to public safety," the judge said.

Texas leads the nation in the variety of services available to the judiciary for both programs and sanctions, according to the press release. Community supervision officers administer the system and

supervise the offenders placed on probation by the court.

There are more people being supervised on probation than the total number of offenders in prison and on parole combined, according to the release.

"In the right case, with the help of our dedicated community supervision officers, probation works remarkably well," the judge said. "It has the ability to protect the public, reduce the incidence of crime and turn an offender into a responsible citizen who is a productive member of society."

"As an added benefit, it can do that at a fraction of the cost of a prison sentence."

Brandt Taylor serves as community supervision officer, and Lloyd Glass is director of the 106th Judicial District community supervision officers.



Johnny Davenport has loaned a copy of his "Pictorial History of The Last Matador Wagon" to the Garza County Historical Museum. The 125 page pictorial history covers the period of Sept. 28, 1958 to Feb. 4, 1959 at the Matador Ranch in Matador, Texas.

Sheriff reports 10 arrested here

Ten arrests were recorded in Garza County during the past two weeks, according to sheriff's department records.

On July 9, a 21-year-old male was picked up for driving while intoxicated. A 39-year-old male was arrested the following day on a Dallas County warrant.

A 20-year-old male was arrested July 11 for possession of a controlled substance.

A 26-year-old man was picked up on a Lynn County warrant on July 14, and a 40-year-old man was jailed on a Haskell County warrant the next day.

On July 15, a 31-year-old man was jailed on a warrant, and two men, ages 22 and 23, were jailed on July 19 and 20 respectively on charges of public intoxication. Two additional arrests were made July 20, including that of a 31-year-old male on a Garza County warrant and a 19-year-old male on a Scurry County warrant.

White River trims costs

In a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the White River Municipal Water District (WRMWD) Thursday, July 11, directors reviewed budgets for Fiscal Year 2002/2003. A few changes to that budget submitted to the Board are the elimination of a new vehicle for Manager Tommy O'Brien (\$28,000 savings), unmanning the lake area entry gates (approximately \$15,000 savings), and decreasing the salary of the Administrative Secretary by \$5,000.

Manager O'Brien stated that the

reduction in salary was "to better reflect similar positions in member cities." En toto, O'Brien estimates that approximately \$94,820 was cut from the submitted budget prior to approval last month.

The directors unanimously approved an ordinance prescribing and levying fines for persons making unauthorized entry into White River Lake. The ordinance indicates that "if a person is caught on the lake without a permit the cost will be "four times" the normal fee." A person

fishing in a boat on the lake will normally purchase permits representing a cost of \$2 per person and \$2 per boat. So that person would normally pay \$4 for this fishing trip if the permits were purchased at the time of entry.

Persons who choose not to pay at entry will be charged \$16 for that \$4 experience. It was the consensus of the directors that the cost for unauthorized entry would be substantial enough to motivate a willingness to comply with the honor system of unmanned entry gates.

If a person is caught on the lake without the necessary permits and inadequate funds to pay for the penalty costs, then that person will receive a ticket that is then turned over to the Crosby County Justice of the Peace.

The JP will then be responsible for collecting the lake costs, as well as the JP court fines.

Director Bo Jackson of Post called for executive session to discuss issues regarding real property.

At the close of executive session, the directors unanimously approved opening negotiations for acquiring land for the new Spur ground storage tank. The board also authorized Manager O'Brien to obtain the services of an attorney to assist with the collection of monies due for delinquent lot leases.

Contributed by The Crosby County News & Chronicle

Local girls compete in softball All-Star tourney

Several Post girls participated in the San Angelo West Texas Fastpitch Softball All-Star Tournament last weekend.

Playing for the Lubbock Mistix 14-under team were Ashley Young, Traci Nelson, Alana Zubia, Tori Gonzales and Allison Blevins.

Coaching the team was Jaquita Blevins and Sherry Young.

The Mistix won their first game against the Eldorado All-Stars by a score of 12-11. They lost the next two games to the Snyder Heat, 15-6, and the Big Bend Outlaws, 18-0.

Also playing from Post was Larinda Ledbetter, who played for the Lubbock Starz 18-under team. Her team lost its first game against the Midland Stix 8-3, but won the next two games against the Andrews All-Stars, 6-4, and the Seminole All-Stars, 8-3. They were eventually eliminated by the Odessa All-Stars, 8-3.

Other girls from Post playing with the Seminole All-Stars were Ebony Gonzales, Melissa Arredondo and Camille Blevins. They lost two straight games, first to the Midland PMS 8-4 and to the Lubbock Starz 8-3.

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Geraldeen 'Gerry' Hodges

Services for Geraldeen 'Gerry' Hodges 77 of Sweetwater were 11 A.M. Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. The Rev. Keith Cooper, Pastor of the First Baptist Church officiated. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Ms. Hodges died Saturday, July 20, 2002 in Abilene. Born September 10, 1924 at Abernathy to Bonnie Boyd and Thelma (Murray) Hodges, they came to Post to farm. She attended Post schools and graduated Post High School. After graduation she attended the Stamford LVN School and after becoming licensed she worked as a surgical nurse in Lubbock and Plainview.

In 1969 she moved to Sweetwater and went to work in the emergency room for the Sweetwater Hospital. She retired after 30 years of working there.

She was a member of the Hannah Baptist Church and was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers: David Boyd 'Jiggs' Hodges in 1980 and J.W. 'Dub' Hodges in 1985. Survivors include two sisters: Oreta Bevers of Post and Maggie Leola Jacobs of Pasadena. One sister in law: Susie Hodges of Abilene.

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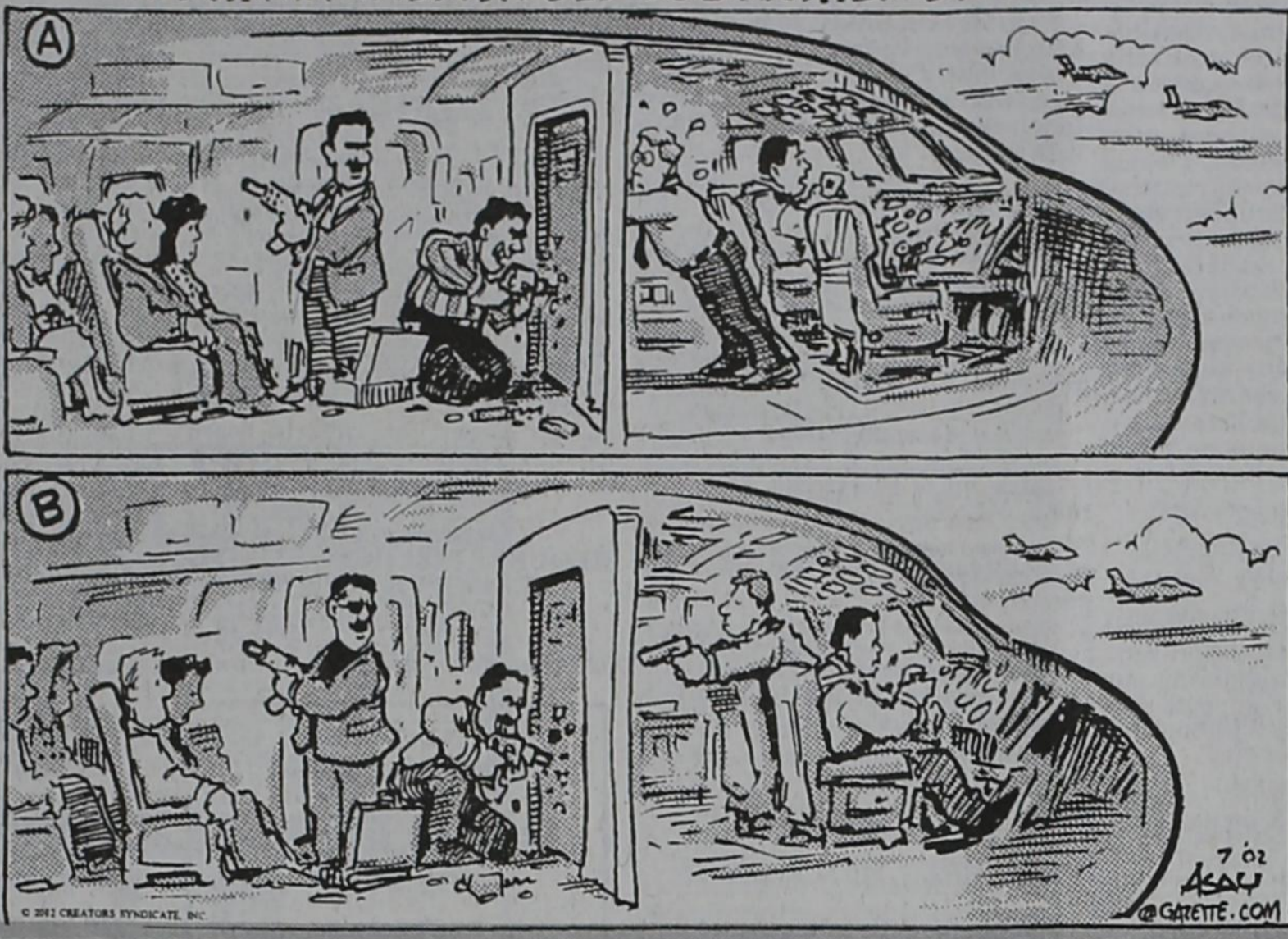
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And thereafter, death by government

by Walter E. Williams

Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories has developed an injectable antibiotic called Tigecycline. It can be used to treat resistant pathogens—bacteria that are immune to standard antibiotics.

However, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has changed the rules for measuring drug efficiency in trials of antibiotics. It has ordered Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories to double the number of patients in trials from 4,000 to 8,000.

Wyeth-Ayerst has already conducted two human studies, and was planning a third and final one. Because of the massive increase in cost, in order to comply with the FDA mandate, the company has put further development of Tigecycline on hold.

Another example of keeping drugs off the market is FDA's denial of approval of a vaccine to prevent meningitis C. This is a bacteria that infects thousands of Americans and kills hundreds each year. No conjugated vaccine (one comprised of linked components) is approved for use in the United States.

Three such products are available in Canada and Europe, where 20 million doses of the vaccine have already been administered. As a turf-protecting measure, our FDA refuses to recognize foreign drug approvals. So what's the story? Is the FDA out to deliberately kill Americans?

No, but the end result is the same. Dr. Henry Miller, a physician, a Hoover Institution fellow and former FDA official, explains in the June 15 Washington Time. FDA officials can make two kinds of errors. They can approve a drug that has unanticipated, dangerous side effects that might cause illness and death.

Or, they can err by either not approving or causing huge delays in the use of a safe and effective drug. Statistically, these are known as Type I and Type II errors. What are the FDA incentives?

If FDA officials err on the side of under-caution in approving an unsafe drug, they are attacked by the media and patient groups, and



investigated by Congress. Their victims, sick and dead people, are highly visible. If FDA officials err on the side of over-caution, keeping a safe and effective drug off the market, who's to know?

The victims are invisible. For example, neither the Americans who get sick or die from meningitis C this year, nor their loved ones, will know that their illness or death could have been prevented had it not been for errors by FDA officials. It's a no-brainer to figure out which error FDA officials prefer to make.

If you conclude they have a bias toward errors that create invisible victims, who don't know whom to blame for their illness or death, step to the head of the class. By the way, FDA conduct demonstrates that the admonition, "One can never be too safe," is something we should take with a grain of salt.

Sometimes, drug companies produce a drug that's safe and effective, but the disease it treats is rare. There aren't enough patients available to go through the FDA's costly approval procedure to make the drug economically worthwhile. Those drugs are designated "orphan drugs."

Prior to the Reagan administration's steps to correct this situation, thousands of people suffered or died needlessly. It's estimated that the 216 orphan drugs approved since 1983 are estimated to have prevented 108,000 deaths from rare diseases. Right now, there are scores of "orphan drugs" unavailable to physicians for treatment options.

In addition to FDA policy that leads to the illness and deaths of untold numbers of Americans is the issue of drug costs. I'm disgusted whenever I hear politicians pontificating about high drug costs and the need for prescription-drug handouts. Congress, the FDA and the courts are largely responsible for the escalating costs of drugs.

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Finding safety from terrorism

by Scott McPherson

Since September 11, safety, security, and liberty are at the forefront of every American's mind. As in most crises, some Americans believe that a stronger and more powerful central government is the answer. But is it?

Responding to an increased demand for protection, the federal government has embraced a number of "solutions" to the terrorist threat, all of which expand the powers of the government. The federalization of airport security, increased immigration controls, expanded domestic law-enforcement powers, and the incarceration of American citizens without trial are just a few examples of the way our current political leadership is dealing with the danger of new terrorist attacks.

It is understandable that Americans would turn to government in the wake of an assault within our borders. After all, defending the citizenry here at home from aggression is the primary responsibility of the state.

But what if America is being attacked by foreign terrorists because of our government's interventionist foreign policy, such as bombings and trade embargoes overseas, rather than for the freedom and openness of our culture, as many pundits and government officials would have us believe?

If that is the case, the American people ought to start asking themselves whether the inevitable loss of their freedom that accompanies every growth in government power is an effective or desirable way of making us safe from terrorists.

During the first hundred years of our nation's history, Americans faced practically no foreign menace. The world was far from being a peaceful place, but the United States largely managed to escape Europe's centuries-old conflicts by maintaining a position of neutrality. As John Quincy Adams put it, "Wherever the standard of freedom and Independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will [America's] heart, her benedictions and her prayers be. But she goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy."

At the same time, the United States was enjoying a period of unprecedented economic prosperity. While European nations were trading blows with each other, individual Americans were trading their goods and services with people from all over the world, establishing lasting relationships and friendships that were built on goodwill and mutual gain. Far from being seen as a potential threat, immigrants to America were welcomed and faced virtually no barriers to entering the country.

The outcome was an increase in living standards unlike any in the history of civilization. Today, by comparison, our political leaders insist on maintaining an overseas empire to police the world, keeping troops in more than a hundred countries and interfering in countless conflicts around the globe.

America has strayed far from Thomas Jefferson's wise council favoring "honest friendship with all nations" and "entangling alliances with none." The federal government also contributes to international

discord by interfering with the economic freedom of the American people. Trade barriers and other political obstacles to the free movement of goods and labor create tensions with foreigners who wish to do business with Americans.

U.S. protectionist barriers also exacerbate conditions in economically stagnant nations, some of which harbor our nation's bitterest enemies. Embargoes are imposed with the alleged purpose of unseating brutal dictators, but inevitably they end up preventing vital medicines and food supplies from reaching hospitals and hungry children. Meanwhile, resentment towards the United States grows.

In the 19th century, when the U.S. government limited itself to the role of a night watchman and left its citizens free to engage in global friendship and commerce, our nation was a shining beacon for the world. Our melting-pot society mirrored Voltaire's view of the great capitalist societies of the 18th century, where "Jew, Mohammedan and Christian dealt with each other as though they were all of the same faith."

Our history serves as a ready guide. Granting free rein to the federal government in foreign affairs, while eroding cherished liberties such as privacy, free movement, and due process of law, benefits no one and only endangers the American people. It is through the curtailment of government power overseas and the expansion of individual freedom and free trade that peace, prosperity, and international goodwill are nurtured.

Thus, the solution to the problem of terrorism is to bind our leaders down with "the chains of the Constitution" with respect to foreign policy and once again free the American people to extend a hand of friendship to the world.

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Reclaiming a republic form of government...

by Wes Burnett

Last week we asked the question ... how do we go about abolishing incorporated government and reclaim a republic form?

That question assumes that there is a demand for such a return. We have seen no such reaction, in fact, the opposite appears to be the case. From personal observation, it appears that the vast majority of Texans are quite satisfied with the way things are ... that is, until they become a victim of incorporated government abuse.

One of the sad commentaries of our time is the widespread acceptance by Texans (and Americans) of incorporated government and the rapid decline of individual rights. "For the good of society, we give up our rights," is a comment all too often echoing through this once proud and independent nation.

In this current state of affairs, where the idea of majority rule (democracy) supersedes the rights of individuals, there is no sanctity or security for individual rights. For instance, the right of liberty is routinely denied to Texans through a myriad of corporate codes, the most obvious of which is the notorious "transportation code."

But even when abused by that system, most Texans meekly pull out their government approved "driver's license" and dutifully sign the promise to pay or appear in court.

Those few Texans who believe that the rights of individuals are important to liberty are in the minority ... and in a democracy, the mob has no patience or pity for the minority.

So, the answer to the question we posed last week, and attempt to address this week, begins with another question. Is liberty important enough to you to insist that our guarantee for a republic form of government be honored, respected and restored?

A few, a very few of you will answer affirmatively to that question. And therein lies the difficulty for achieving a solution. In a democracy, and worse as it is in Texas, a socialist democracy, the minority had better have a good plan for achieving its goals or be prepared for the consequences.

As Jefferson so brilliantly pointed out in the American Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure those rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of those Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Forms, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

That's what brought about the American Revolution, spurred by a handful of patriots who had the audacity to remind government officials that the right of liberty was too important to ignore. When their liberty was constrained, they reluctantly took up arms in their own defense.

That's one way to "alter, reform or abolish" government. A better way, in our opinion, is to change the form of government through a referendum, implementing a new constitution which will remove the obstacles to freedom and liberty, and implant a republic form of government, abolishing the incorporated form under which we currently suffer.

That is why we support the ratification of Texas Constitution 2000, a proposed new constitution for Texas which, when ratified, will abolish the socialist democracy and incorporated form of government. However, since we live in a socialist democracy, controlled by the majority who favor continued theft and redistribution of wealth, conducting such a referendum is no guarantee of success.

Another alternative is to elect government officials who understand the importance of liberty and the immorality of the incorporated form of government. It is essentially immoral because it relies on theft to sustain itself. But that's a long shot, considering that the current electoral system operates in a democracy, where the mob demands more theft and will be loathe to elect anyone suggesting that the theft stop.

Liberty lovers must face the reality that we are a small minority, facing tremendous odds in this "battle for the minds and hearts" of our fellow Texans.

As was the case with our American ancestors, we must continue reminding others and ourselves that our cause is righteous, that individual rights are more important than the "good of society," and that true justice can never be achieved through a socialist democracy, sustained by a corrupt incorporated system of government.

Article 1, Section 2 of the State of Texas Constitution authorizes us, (yes even though we are a minority) the right to "alter, reform or abolish" government as we see fit.

A few of us are exercising that right by offering the ratification of a new constitution for Texans to consider, one that is better suited "to effect our Safety and Happiness."

We oppose resorting to violence to affect political change, in that way, we differ with our American ancestors who originally established a great republic, which has been reduced to rubble by socialism and a greedy mob intent on stealing from the productive until there is no more to steal.

It didn't take an outside invasion to destroy the republic they created ... the invasion came from within, fed by an insatiable appetite by socialist mentality that has suffocated political opposition.

It's time for Texas liberty lovers to work toward recovering the republic and abolishing the socialist democratic, incorporated form of government.

Editor's Note: For details about Texas Constitution 2000 see these web sites: www.tcrf.com or www.freetexans.org

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 B. Address to: Mr. Lee Norman, County Commissioner, Garza County, 300 W. Main, Post, Texas 79356
 C. Proposal Opening Location: Garza County Courthouse, Post, Texas 79356
 D. Proposal Date: August 16, 2002

E. Proposal Time: 5:00 p.m. local time
 1.7 DOCUMENTS:
 A. Documents may be examined at the Engineer's office and at the following plan rooms:
 Dodge Plan Room (Lubbock) 3004 B 50th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79413 (806) 797-8898
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 B. Proposers may secure copies of the bid documents as follows:
 1. Prime Contractor: A maximum of two sets from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers Architects Planners, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, upon deposit of \$60.00 for each set. Deposits shall be Company check or

cashiers check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Deposit is refundable as stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders.
 2. All other Subcontractors and Material Suppliers that wish to obtain a maximum of one set may do so upon deposit of \$60.00 (refundable).
 4. All plan deposits shall be made in the form of a company check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. No cash will be accepted.
 5. No partial sets will be issued.
 1.8 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: A pre-proposal conference will be held on August 7, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. local time at the Garza County Courthouse.
 1.9 PROPOSAL SECURITY: Proposal security in the sum of 5% of the greatest amount bid and in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or Surety Proposal Bond, shall accompany each Proposal in accordance with the Instructions to Proposers.
 1.10 OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals will be publicly opened at the Courthouse immediately after closing of proposal time to identify the names of the proposer and their respective proposed contract amount. Other contents of the proposals will be afforded security sufficient to preclude disclosure of contents prior to award or rejection action.
 After opening the Proposals, the Owner will evaluate and rank each Proposal with respect to the published selection criteria described under Section 1.5. After opening and ranking, an award may be made on the basis of the initially submitted Proposal, without discussion, clarification or modification, or the Owner may discuss with the selected proposer, offers for cost adjustment and other elements of the Proposal. Other than the data read at the Proposal opening, the Owner shall not disclose any information derived from the Proposals submitted by competing firms in conducting such discussions.
 If the Owner determines that it is unable to reach a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked proposer, the Owner will terminate discussions with that proposer. The Owner will then proceed with negotiations with each successive proposer as they appear in the order of ranking until an agreement is reached, or until the Owner has rejected all Proposals. After termination of discussions with any proposer, Owner will not resume discussions with that proposer.
 Immediately following the Owner's approval of the order of ranking of proposers and the Owner's contract award of Proposal rejection action, the proposers will be notified by facsimile message.
 The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all alternates

or to accept any combination of alternates considered advantageous to the Owner.
 The award or rejection action regarding this Proposal is at the sole discretion of the Owner and the Owner makes no warranty regarding this Proposal that a contract will be awarded to any proposer.
 The Owner agrees that if the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the proposer offering the best value to the Owner. The Owner is not bound to accept the lowest priced proposal if that Proposal is judged not to be the best value for the Owner, as determined by the Owner.
 1.11 FORMALITIES: The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject all bids.
 1.12 APPLICABLE GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS
 A. In accordance with the Instructions to Proposers, all bidders must comply with State Labor Laws concerning wage rates.

Yesteryears

July 22, 1992
 10 Years Ago

The Caprock Cultural Association will sponsor the first annual "Summer Time Jubilee" on Main Street in Post August beginning at 9:30 a.m.
 Zoe Kirkpatrick, who started out 25 years ago "just for fun" taking photos of all the different wildflowers that grew on the ranch south of Post, has seen her hobby turn into a book, published by The University of Texas Press to be released July 24.

An appreciation and farewell reception honoring Maury and Bill Shiver will be held Sunday, August 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. at 1010 W. 10th Street.

A group of 24 Pi Kappa Phi fraternity youths cycled through Post on their way to Washington, D.C. The group began the 62 day trip from San Francisco to benefit Americans with disabilities.

SPS Electricity Camp participants from Post were Amber Hammond and Labeth Jones. More than 100 4-H'ers from the Texas South Plains attended the camp near Cloudcroft, N.M.

July 22, 1982
 20 Years Ago

A boxcar carrying liquid oxygen over-turned along with several other cars derailling on the fifth street crossing here Monday morning.

The College of Communication at The University of Texas named 318 students to the 1982 Spring Semester honor roll, and included in this number is Larisa Jane Shiver of Post.

Traditional wedding vows were exchanged between Lana Denece Dunn and Rancy Leon Conner Saturday, July 10, in the First United Methodist Church.

County Treasurer Voda Gradine and Charla Tatum, deputy, were in Canyon Friday to attend a meeting of the Panhandle-Plains Treasurer's Association.

Representing Garza County 4-H'ers in the state meet in Waco this week are Jana Terry, Jan Middleton, and Keitha Beth White.

July 20, 1972
 30 Years Ago

A youthful trio, one of them a girl, went on a crime spree here just before daybreak Tuesday. After failing at gun-point to kidnap Ken Marts, an obliging Post resident who was giving them a lift downtown.

The large number of accident patients at Garza Memorial Hospital this week included a pair of broken legs on a pair of patients. Doug Livingston broke both of his legs in an fall from the top of his house and Petey Hays broke both his legs in an oil field accident.

Post High School twirlers attending Howard Payne University twirling camp are Jan Bilbo, Jodi Norman, Sherry Compton, Jana McKamie, Pam Carpenter, and Tina McAlister.

Miss Marsha Tipton, bride-elect of Lee Norman, was honored with a bridal shower last Friday in the home of Mrs. Tom Bouchier.

How about eight inches of rain in just seven days? That was what was

reported at Ronnie Graves' farm, four and a half miles northeast of Post.

Thursday to Thursday: Many of the top 20 tunes in the pop field apply to this year's presidential campaign. The No. 1 record, for instance, "Lean on Me," could be a dedication from John Connally to President Nixon. No. 2 tune, "Too Late to Turn Back Now," almost fit Sen. Ted Kennedy after he woke up the Democratic convention with his 1:30 a.m. speech. The No. 3 tune, "Alone Again" fits Hubert Humphrey, and Wayne Newton's No. 6 hit, "Daddy, Don't Walk So Fast," could be applied to Nixon's man, Henry Kissinger. No. 15 record, "Song Sung Blue," will fit whichever side loses the election.

July 26, 1962
 40 Years Ago

A deluxe new bicycle with chrome fenders and fully equipped to be the grand prize for Post Back-To-School Howdy Days here Friday and Saturday, Aug. 10-11.

Charlie Cooper, Bill Hays and Jimmy Holleman are in College Station this week representing the Post Volunteer Fire Department at the 33rd annual Texas Fireman's Training School at Texas A&M College.

Shirley Bostick was named senior division winner in the annual Garza County 4-H Dress Revue.

Lots of fun was had last Friday night during the benefit softball game between the Lions and Mu Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority with catcher Tom "Keep 'em From Flopping" Harmon of the Lions Club and umpire Bernarnd "Weak Eyes Yokum" Ramsey.

Improvement is reported this week in the condition of Iven Clary, local service station operator, who was injured in an automobile accident near Lubbock the night of July 12.

Plan now to attend the Southwestern Championship's 15th Annual Junior Rodeo Wednesday thru Saturday, Aug. 1-4

Coach Harold Teal and other members of the Post schools' coaching staff will attend the annual state coaches' school in Lubbock.

July 24, 1952
 50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lucas announce the arrival of Barbara Ann. She was born Saturday in Slaton Mercy Hospital.

Rainfall in the county which relieved the farmers of their worry of a drought has also increased the menace of bollworm infestation.

Ladies and Gentlemen! The beauty contest of all beauty contests! Only this one was in the opposite direction. The title of the homiest man in the county was chosen. Winner of this dubious title was Morris Neff. Neff won the title and a car at the recent Lions Club Play Day which attracted approximately 2,000 persons. Judges were five pretty women. Other contestants were Comer Liles, Lacy Richardson, Allen Lucas and Billy Hill.

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 July 30- Pepper steak, rice, green beans, sliced tomatoes, wheat roll, chocolate cake
 July 31- Hot roast beef on toast, carrot salad, green peas, fruit salad
 August 1- Brisket, augratin potatoes, fried okra, wheat roll, apricot cobbler
 August 2- Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green, sliced tomatoes, hot roll, chocolate cake

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God help the kids

One of God's greatest marvels on this earth, in my opinion, is kids. I could care less what color they are or who they belong to - kids are my greatest inspiration.

I cannot even begin to picture in my mind how a SOB like this Alejandro Avila could possibly do what authorities allege he did to poor little Samantha Runnion. I think these kinds of criminal acts are probably the worst of all crimes. If he is guilty of what he is accused of, America does not have a punishment suitable enough for this animal.

I suppose we are only left to imagine the pain this little girl had to take before God finally came and took her away.

As far as I am concerned, the death penalty is to light, or maybe the easy way out. The person responsible for this crime should have his genitals surgically removed and placed in a cell where he can never see another human being till he rots to death.

This thing with the child molesters, sex offenders, perverts or whatever one wishes to call the SOBs needs to be brought to a stop now!

These type people (animals) on there first offense should be immediately castrated and let them go see what else they can find to do with their life. The federal government is always looking for something to stick their nose in. They need to get it stuck into this problem and now.

I believe the feds should bring on line some punishment that is so severe that the offenders will wish they had never heard of sex.

The Sept. 11 deal in New York was terrible, but that sort of thing hits the part of my brain that makes me very mad, or angry. When something like a horrible death and rape of a little child reaches my head, it wakes up a part of my brain that breaks my heart.

Seems like I can hear her screaming and fighting death when I lay down at night. I can still hear my own 2 1/2-year-old son's screams now, that I never heard them. I will never be able to put that horrible day behind me when he

drowned in a cesspool. One can drink, drug, run, make geographical moves or what ever... the pain seems to hang over me like a cloud.

These horrible deaths of little kids raises a unwanted question with me of "What could God possibly be thinking about when He allows things like this to happen?"

In my own situation, many years ago, I became angry at God. I even done some bad things to spite God. I cursed God and tried to get even with God.

But like in a game of checkers, God got the last move. I lost.

I feel a strong sense of sorrow for poor little Samantha. But now that she is gone, I direct my sorrow to the Mommy and Daddy. The tragedy will wipe out any hope of ever having another truly happy day. Only time and faith in God will their pain ever begin to fade.

I believe I could understand if they are wondering how in the world can a person have faith in God after something like this happened.

I suppose now that I have learned the hard way, God may very well be the only way out for little Samantha's family. What a shame and waste of a beautiful little life. I would have to say that my heart goes out to her and her family. I will ask for some relief for them in my AA prayer ever morning for a while.

God bless the kids everywhere.
 O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Gas can theft

To whom ever took my gas can from my yard Saturday night, may I wish you the best if you really needed it.

If you stop by again, ask me for my lawn mower. After all, you have my gas can so maybe you can go to work mowing yards so you won't have to go around stealing.

Danny Guajardo

Xcel Energy stages linemen rodeo

Electric utility linemen from Texas and neighboring states will gather in Lubbock Saturday from 8-3 p.m. to compete in the 12th Annual Xcel Energy/SPS Electric Lineman's Rodeo.

The competition will take place at the corner of Indiana Avenue and the Clovis Highway.

The contest serves as a friendly competition in which a total of 10 events test the focus and skills of linemen's activities relating to the provision of electric service to the public. Events include the 40-foot pole climb; hurt man rescue; transformer change-out; service installation; and others that will challenge the skills and athleticism of participants.

Rodeo contestants will include linemen and apprentice linemen from investor-owned utilities, city municipal systems and rural electric cooperatives.

Expert judges from Xcel Energy construction, operation and maintenance groups and SPS retirees, along with those from other utilities, will rank the competitors.

The rodeo is highly visual and is touted as a "fun event for the entire family." Free food and soft drinks will be available, and a T-shirt and caps booth will be on site. Sideline the competition will be a variety of activities for children, including cracking safety demonstrations - the "Kiddie Rodeo."

Right of travel?

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and roads to transport people and goods in various types of motor vehicles. The question of whether a "Driver's License" is required in Texas applies both to the traveling public and transportation. And can be answered by a precise study of the Texas Transportation Code.

Before addressing this question, it should be noted that the only right way to interpret the law is to allow it to interpret itself within the letter of the law. Allowing the letter of the law to interpret itself makes it possible for the researcher, juror, and judge to clearly see the correct meaning and scope.

Similar to God's word of grace and salvation, the laws of the land are of no private interpretation. The big difference between God's word and man's word is the author. Unlike God, man is unable to back his word consistently. So the people of this country developed a protective checks and balances system that included justice. They agreed to elect, or have appointed, certain people who would serve as official interpreters of the laws and related rules.

During the 1950's the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas ruled in various cases that there was no such license known to Texas law as a "driver's license." These official interpreters of the law were in agreement on how the law interpreted itself. In 1953, the Appeals Court gave the opinion that "an information charging the driving of a motor vehicle upon a public highway without a driver's license charges no offense, as there is no such license as a driver's license known to the law." [Brooks v. State 158 Tex. Crim. 546; May 27, 1953].

A 1951 case appealed the charge of driving a motor vehicle while license was suspended. Judge Woodley gave the following opinion:

"The prosecution appears to have been brought under the provisions of Art. 6687b, Vernon's Ann. Civil Statutes, commonly referred to as the Texas Drivers License Law, Sec. 27 thereof in part providing that no person whose operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended shall operate a motor vehicle during such suspension.

"The information against appellant fails to allege that appellant had been issued either an operator's commercial operator's, or chauffeur's license, or that he drove a motor vehicle while such a license was suspended." [Holloway v. State 155 Tex. Crim. 484; March 7, 1951].

This case indicated that the driver's license was not known to the law and furthermore that the operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license was known to the law. Here Judge Woodley keenly distinguished between what the law did not say, and what it did say.

Mr. Holloway was charged with driving a motor vehicle while "driver's license" was suspended. According to the appeals court, no crime was committed because 1) there was no such license as the "driver's license" known to the law, and 2) the prosecution did not show that he was issued an operator's license.

Later, Judge Mary Lou Robinson presided over a criminal appeals case in which Judge Woodley insisted, "This court has held that there is no such license known to Texas law as a 'driver's license.'" [Callas v. State 167 Tex. Crim. 375 1959].

Today the Transportation Code still

requires a license to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of Texas. In Subchapter B. General License Requirements, Section 521.021 it reads, "A person, other than a person expressly exempted under this chapter, may not operate a motor vehicle on a highway in this state unless the person holds a driver's license issued under this chapter."

Please note how the statement "...may not operate..." is conditional upon holding a license. Through word crafting, the insertion of the term "driver's license" creates the illusion that a license is required to drive. Section 521 also includes various examples such as operators of "Certain School Buses," "Junior College Buses," and "Restrictions on Certain Common Carriers."

Notice there is nothing included which remotely includes the traveling public. Yet the Transportation Code does use the term "traveling public." Maybe the "traveling public" is not known by the law to be operators of motor vehicles.

To this day, the Code does not require any person to hold a license to "drive." No person traveling on the public highways is required to have an operator's license unless he is using the roads for the privileged purpose of "transportation." The letter of the law agrees.

In law enforcement, the enforcing agent must have a clear understanding of the scope of the law. Without a clear and precise understanding of the law's scope, the agent faces the risk of time consuming lawsuits and life threatening confrontations with law-abiding people.

Inherent in a sworn oath of office is the authority of law enforcement officers to refuse the filing an affidavit of information on any person found driving without a "driver's license."

Why? Because this type of license is unknown to the law.

Local United Way hosts benefit golf tournament

The United Way Golf Tournament, a four-man scramble with a minimum combined handicap of 50, will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Slaton Golf Course in Slaton.

The MTC Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility will serve as sponsor of the event.

Limited to the first 36 teams, the tournament will feature a \$40 entry fee, which will cover green fees, cart and lunch. Mulligans will be \$2.50 each, with a limit of two per nine.

Tee times will be at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first three places, and tickets will be sold for door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

Entries are due by Aug. 7. Entry forms are available at Nothing Butt Smokes, Brady's, Video Showcase, B&T Feedstore, Radio Shack and Citizens Bank.

Entry forms and fees may be mailed to the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, 805 N. Avenue F, Post, TX 79356, Attn: Lt. Terri Howard.

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